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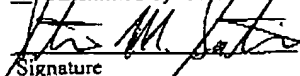
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed, December 13, 2005 in which a three-month period for response expired on March 13, 2006. After

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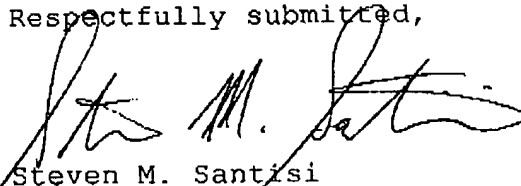
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granting the Request for a two-month extension of time, the response period will expire on May 13, 2006. Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696 in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the two-month extension fee.

No other fees are believed necessary, however if additional fees are required please charge deposit account No. 04-1696.

Respectfully submitted,



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